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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
3 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

4 NICHOLAS STERLING LITTLE,

5 Petitioner,

6 v.

7 RONALD HAYNES,

8 Respondent.

C20-1071 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

9 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable  
10 Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

11 (1) Petitioner's motion to appoint counsel, docket no. 60, is DENIED. After  
12 reviewing Petitioner's habeas petition brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, docket no. 6, and  
13 the Honorable Michelle L. Peterson's Report and Recommendation ("R&R"), docket  
14 no. 59, the Court concludes that the appointment of counsel is not necessary to file  
15 objections to the R&R, nor is it required in the interest in justice. *See* Order (docket  
16 no. 58 at 6–7) (citing *Weygandt v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983) (per curiam)  
(explaining appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings is required if necessary for  
effective utilization of discovery procedures or if an evidentiary hearing is required));  
*accord Duckett v. Godinez*, 67 F.3d 734, 750 n.8 (9th Cir. 1995); *see also* 28 U.S.C.  
§ 2254(h) (providing that a court may, in its discretion, "appoint counsel for an applicant  
who is or becomes financially unable to afford counsel").

17 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to pro se  
18 Petitioner, all counsel of record, and Judge Peterson.

19 Dated this 7th day of June, 2021.

20 William M. McCool  
Clerk

21 s/Gail Glass  
22 Deputy Clerk  
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